

#### Mass Schedule

Saturday......(Vigil) 5:30pm Sunday.....8am, 10am, 12pm

Monday – Friday ......8:00am Wednesday.....5:30pm Saturday......9:00am

#### Confessions

Wednesdays......6:00-6:45pm

#### **Devotions**

**Eucharistic Adoration** Every Wednesday 6-7pm

Rosary After the 8am daily Mass

Miraculous Medal Novena After the 9am Saturday Mass

# Annunciation Catholic Church

Be it done to me according to your Word +Luke 1:38+

## March 19, 2023 **Fourth Sunday of Lent**

Order of Worship

Mass Readings — Worship 1036 Entrance Hymn — Worship 650 Offertory Hymn – Worship 976 Communion Hymn – Worship 915 Closing Hymn – Worship 645

#### **Parish Announcements**

Today's second collection supports our ministry to the homeless.

Saturdays......4:15-5:15pm Hand carved olive wood religious items are for sale in the Parish Center this weekend after all of the Masses. Profits support the existence of Christianity in the land of Christ.

> There will be a square dance on Monday, March 20th at 6:30pm in the Parish Center. There is no admission charge and will feature live musicians and a caller. All are welcome.

> Stations of the Cross will take place on Fridays at 7pm in the Church.

Our next Roth Concert will be on Sunday, March 26th, at 5:00pm. See inside the bulletin for details.

## **Our Mission**

Through the power of the Holy Spirit, Annunciation Catholic Church exists to further God's reign in all its members and our local community.

Through worship, education and prayer, we come together to minister to all God's people in healing and reconciling love.

### **Our Parish**

Hours Monday-Friday 9am-4pm Contact (202) 362-3323 parish@annunciationdc.org

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### **Sacramental Celebrations**



Baptism joyfully celebrates the entrance of members into our Catholic Church. Baptisms are celebrated on Saturday mornings, following preparation of the parents. Baptisms for adults take place through the RCIA process. For more information contact Andreja Mezek.



Couples should contact the parish office as soon as they are able, at least six months in advance of the desired wedding date to make arrangements for marriage preparation. Any inquires should be sent to the parish office.



Our parish continues Christ's ministry of healing to those who suffer physical or emotional ills with the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick. Please call the parish office if you would like to receive this sacrament.

Our parish also wants to assist with the passing of a loved one. In death life is changed, not ended, because of our faith in the Resurrection. Please contact the office so that our staff can help you with the funeral arrangements.

# **Liturgical Worship**

"The liturgy is the summit toward which the activity of the Church is directed; at the same time it is the font from which all her power flows." (Sacrosanctum Concilium)

Active participation in our worship of God fosters growth in faith, hope and charity for all the faithful, but particular ministries help in that participation. If you would like to be a lector (a reader of Sacred Scripture), an acolyte (a minister who assists the priest at the altar), or an extraordinary minister of Holy Communion (a minister who helps distribute the Eucharist), please contact Tina Lindberg.

"Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly, singing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs with gratitude in your hearts to God" (Col 3:16). If you would like to be a part of our music ministry, please contact Frank Conlon: frankconlon@comcast.net

## **Pastor's Corner**

Dear Parishioners and Friends,

Laetare Sunday takes its name from the Entrance Antiphon, "Rejoice, O Jerusalem". Rose vestments are worn on this day to show joy and love as we anticipate Christ's Resurrection. This rose color reminds Catholics of joy in the midst of penance and anticipation.



On this Sunday we are treated to the Gospel story of the man born blind. In this Gospel passage from Luke 9:1-41 we meet, a man who has been given the gift of sight. This sight is both physical and spiritual. The blind man sees Jesus first as a "man", then as a "prophet" and finally he would call Jesus "Lord". Often Jesus increases our faith throughout our lives. We do not have the fullness of truth all at once but gradually through our prayer and faithfulness to Jesus and in serving one another, we come to see Jesus as our Lord and Savior. We may ask ourselves, "Do we put ourselves in the presence of God, and do we open ourselves to the working of God in our lives?" We have passed the midpoint of Lent. Let us renew our Lenten resolve to be people of prayer, make sacrifices for others, and be attentive to the needs of the poor.

On Saturday, March 25, at the 9 AM Mass we will celebrate our parish feast day, the Annunciation of the Lord. If possible, come and join us for Mass to worship the Lord and give thanks to God for Mary saying "Yes" to the will of God in her life.

This is the last chance to sign up for seating for our International Night dinner as we begin our 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary year as a parish. Please do not hesitate to sign up.

God's Peace, Fr. Mike

Mass Intentions	What's Happening This Week?				
Sunday, March 19 8am	Sunday, March 19 CLOW, 10:00am (PC) Lenten Food Drive By Drop Off (Parking Lot) 75th Anniversary Planning Session (PC)  Monday, March 20 Square Dancing, 6:30pm (PC)  Tuesday, March 21  Walking With Purpose, 7:00pm (Atrium) Men's Group, 7:00pm (PC)  Wednesday, March 22  Walking With Purpose, 8:45am (Atrium) Mass, 5:30pm (Church) Eucharistic Adoration & Confession, 6:00pm (Church) CCD, 7:00pm (School) Endow, 7:00pm (Atrium)  Thursday, March 23  Contemplative Prayer, 6:20pm (Zoom) Choir Rehearsal, 7:30pm (Church)  Friday, March 24  Stations of the Cross, 7:00pm (Church)				
	Saturday, March 25 International Night, 6:30pm (PC)				

#### **RELIGIOUS EDUCATION**

#### **Becoming Catholic**

If you are interested in becoming a Catholic, join RCIA.

The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) is a gradual process of spiritual formation that includes prayer, sharing, and study and occurs in the context of the parish community. It is intended for adults who:

- •are not baptized and would like to be fully initiated and welcomed into the Catholic Church through the sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation, and Eucharist
- •were baptized in another Christian community/tradition and seek to be received into the full communion of the Catholic Church through the sacraments of Confirmation and Eucharist
- •were baptized as Catholics as infants/children but have not received the sacraments of Confirmation and Eucharist

RCIA Meetings take place on Mondays from 7-8:30pm.

#### Children's CCD

The Children's Faith Formation program exists to communicate the Good News of Jesus Christ in the context of the beliefs and practices of the Roman Catholic Church. It provides sacramental preparation for First Reconciliation, First Eucharist, and Confirmation as well as ongoing faith formation for children in First through Eighth Grades.

For any questions please contact Andreja Mezek at mezek@annunciationdc.org.

#### SOCIAL CONCERNS OUTREACH

#### **Homeless Ministry**

Food donations are accepted throughout the year. Please place any donations in the bin in the church hallway.

#### **Homebound or Hospitalized Parishioners**

Please notify us if parishioners are hospitalized or homebound so we may provide the sacraments - especially Holy Communion. Also, if you would like to volunteer to take Holy Communion to your fellow parishioners, please contact Tina Lindberg at lindberg@annunciationdc.org.

#### **Parish Bazaar**

We are still accepting donations for our Christmas in July bazaar on July 14-July 16.

For more information on these programs, contact Tina Lindberg at lindberg@annunciationdc.org.

#### **FAITHFUL STEWARDSHIP**



God loves a cheerful giver! (2 Cor 9:7)

#### Poor Box

Donations for the month of March will benefit Martha's Table which operates nationally accredited education programs beginning at birth; fights for food justice and increases access to healthy meals and fresh produce for over 15,000 residents; and promotes family success through their nocost community store and engagement programs





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#### **PARISH LIFE**



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Meetings take place on Tuesdays from 7-8:30pm and Wednesdays from 9-10:30am in the Atrium.

Contact Sue Lohsen at sue@lohsen.com for more info.

# MEN'S GROUP

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Through faith formation and fraternal discussions, the men of the parish strive to imitate Mary and Joseph's Fiat to God—Be it done onto me according to Your Word!

Tuesdays from 7-8:15pm in the Parish Center Contact Andy Harms for more info: andrew.j.harms@gmail.com



#### Pray the Rosary for Peace in Ukraine

Every Thursday at 12pm—Rain or Shine in front of the Russian Embassy 2650 Wisconsin Ave NW



With Endow, women encounter their identity as daughters of God helping them to grow in their faith. Meetings take place every Wednesday 7:15-8:30pm in the Atrium.

Contact Tina Lindberg for more info.

#### Now Collecting Treasures for Our Summer Bazaar!

Donate: Jewelry, Attic Treasures, Art, Home & Kitchen Goods, Handbags & Scarves, Seasonal/Christmas, Office, Gadgetry, Toys & Sporting Goods

Please—no DVDs, CDs, clothing or books!

Contact Tina Lindberg lindberg@annunciationdc.org or 202-362-3323 x15 to schedule a drop-off

# **BOOK CLUB**

Book of the Month

We will meet on Sunday,
March 26th at 11am in the
Parish Center.
For more info contact
Tina Lindberg at
lindberg@annunciationdc.org



# Young Adults & Young Couples

To our younger members of the parish, we want to offer opportunities through prayer, service and friendship to help you live out your faith in a challenging culture.

Interested? Email Megan Prybyl: mprybyl23@gmail.com

#### Annunciation Contemplative Prayer Thursday Evenings @ 6:25pm

We begin with Lection Divina, a traditional way of cultivating a relationship with Christ, then move into 30 minutes of silent Contemplative Prayer. This method of prayer is both a relationship with God and a discipline to deepen that relationship.

Contact Martha Johnston for Zoom Coordinates and any questions you may have – martha@marthajohnston.com.

#### LENT

#### **Eucharistic Adoration**

• Wednesdays of Lent | 6:00pm-6:45pm

#### Stations of the Cross

• Fridays of Lent | 7pm

#### Confessions

- Wednesdays | 6:00pm-6:45pm
- Saturdays | 4:15pm 5:15pm

By appointment | call the rectory office at 202-362-3323



#### **Lenten Giving**

Lenten Food Drive with the John S. Mulholland Family Foundation Saturday, March 18– Sunday, March 19

#### **Lenten Fast and Abstinence Guidelines**

All Catholics Catholics over the age of 14 are obliged to abstain from meat on Good Friday and the Fridays of Lent.

### HOLY WEEK

#### Sunday, April 2nd (Palm Sunday)

- Vigil Mass | 5:30pm
- Sunday Masses 8:00am, 10:00am & 12:00pm

#### Thursday, April 6th (Holy Thursday)

- Morning Prayer | 9:00am
- Mass of the Lord's Supper | 7:00pm
- Adoration | 8:00pm

#### Friday, April 7th (Good Friday)

- Morning Prayer | 9:00am
- Reconciliation | 10:00am—11:00am
- Stations of the Cross | 3:00pm
- The Passion of the Lord | 7:00pm

#### Saturday, April 8th (Holy Saturday)

- Morning Prayer | 9:00am
- Reconciliation | 1:00pm—2:00pm
- Easter Vigil | 8:00pm

#### Sunday, April 9th (Easter Sunday)

- Sunday Masses | 8:00am, 10:00am & 12:00pm
- Easter Egg Hunt | After the 10:00am Mass



# **Square Dance**

There will be a Square Dance on Monday, March 20th in the Parish Center. Enjoy a Pot Luck Dinner at 6:30pm with dancing to follow. For more information contact Leo Gorman at 202-244-2394.



# The Annunciation Catholic Church Catherine and Mary Roth Concert Series



presents

Randa Rouweyha, Soprano and Carla Hűner, Pianist

Aaron Copland – Twelve Poems of Emily Dickinson Songs by Cecile Chaminade and Richard Strauss First-Act Finale of Giuseppe Verdi's La Traviata

> Sunday, March 26, 2023 5:00 pm

Annunciation Catholic Church 3810 Massachusetts Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20016 (one block west of Wisconsin Avenue)

There is no admission charge, but free-will offerings will be received.

A reception follows the concert in our Parish Center.

For further information please call 202-441-7678.

# ANNUAL LENTEN FOOD AND SUPPLY DRIVE MARCH 18TH AND 19TH

Please help us help the working poor of the District through the Mulholland Family Foundation to benefit Inner City Washington Food Pantries at St. Thomas More, St. Vincent de Paul, Holy Name, St. Luke, and St. Francis Xavier with the most needed items:

- Canned Tuna or Chicken
- Dry Cereal (Cheerios or other cereal low in sugar)
- Canned Vegetables (Green Beans, Peas, Corn)
- Soup (Hearty varieties are best)
- · Canned Fruit, any kind
- Peanut Butter and Jelly (Plastic containers please!)
- Baked Beans (cans) and Rice (any size)
- Pasta and Pasta Sauce (Plastic containers please!)

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#### **Gospel Today**

Fourth Sunday of Lent | John 9:1-41 A man, born blind, was healed by Jesus. The blind beggar's eyes were opened to our world but also, more importantly to Jesus - the Light of the World. When the townspeople did not believe Jesus healed the blind man, Jesus asked him, "Do you believe in the Son of Man?" John 9:35

The man replied, "I do believe, Lord", and he worshiped Him. John 9:39

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# Believe... Jesus is the light of the world

## BIBLE WORD SEARCH

Find all the words... left, right, up, down or diagonally.



Life	Importantly
Heart	Jesus
Lent	Born
Love	Worshiped
Darkness	World
Believe	People
Man	Town
Light	Healed
Shine	Blind
Eyes	Lord

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He shines the light of His love on us so we don't live in darkness or sin.

#### The Fourth Sorrowful Mystery -The Carrying of the Cross

Think about how Simon of Cyrene helped Jesus carry the cross.

The blind man is no longer living in the dark - he has new eyesight and in his heart a new life in Jesus, he says, "I do \_\_\_\_\_\_\_, Lord".





Some people call struggles or difficult life situations a "cross to bear". Believe that Jesus, the Light of the World, will help you like he helped & healed the blind man. How can you be like Jesus & help others?

**This week:** Say an Our Father and color the large bead - say 10 Hail Mary's and color each small bead. End with Glory Be to the Father.

# Annunciation Catholic Church **YOUNG ADULTS** 21-35 to Happy Hour THE FIRST WEDNESDAY OF EACH MONTH 6PM ADORATION & RECONCILIATION 7PM HAPPY HOUR SILVER 3404 WISCONSIN AVE NW Questions? Email Megan Prybyl mprybyl23egmail.com



# **Annunciation Catholic Church**

To celebrate our parish feast day during its 75th Anniversary, join your fellow parishioners for an evening of culinary delights from around the world!

# POTLUCK DINNER



# PARISH CENTER

Saturday, March 25, 2023 6:30-8:30 - After 5:30 Mass





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